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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

Applicants have considered the Office Action mailed November 14, 2006 in connection with the above-referenced patent application. Applicants kindly request reconsideration of the claims in light of the remarks that follow.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.